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**FOR: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF AN METAL-ORGANIC COMPOUND  
COMPRISING AT LEAST ONE IMINE LIGAND**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

December 14, 2009

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of April 14, 2009 and the Advisory Action of October 7, 2009, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested. Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal on October 14, 2009. Therefore, this Amendment and Response submitted with a Request for Continued Examination and the appropriate fee, submitted within two months of the Notice of Appeal, is timely. If any additional fee required to consider this response is missing or deficient, Applicants authorize the fee (or any deficiency therein) to be charged to Deposit Account 14-1140 under Order No. 4662-145 and Applicants petition for an extension of time for submitting this Amendment and Response.

The **claims** are presented on pages 2-5.

Claims 1 and 9 are amended.

**Remarks** begin on page 6.